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## Introduction

## Background

The Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) provides Canada's federal, provincial, and territorial health care decision makers with credible, impartial advice and evidence-based information about the effectiveness and efficiency of drugs and other health technologies. To achieve its mandate, CADTH produces a variety of publications that range from comprehensive systematic reviews and economic evaluations to more concise bulletins and updates.

In order to search for and retrieve the evidence base required to produce CADTH reports, the Information Services team has developed a grey literature checklist. Grey literature includes reports and government information that are not published commercially and that are inaccessible via bibliographic databases. The checklist is used to:

- ensure the retrieval of all relevant health technology assessment (HTA), government, and evidence-based agency reports that may not be indexed in bibliographic databases such as MEDLINE
- help document the grey literature search process, thereby increasing transparency and the potential for reproducibility
- ensure that grey literature searching is done in a standardized and comprehensive way.

## Description

This checklist includes national and international HTA web sites, drug and device regulatory agencies, clinical trial registries, health economics resources, Canadian health prevalence or incidence databases, and drug formulary web sites.

Organized by topic, the checklist includes tips on navigating the web sites. Although the web sites are usually assigned to only one category, in many cases an individual web site may have relevancy in additional categories. The checklist does not supply background information on the agencies. If available, however, the name of the web site is a hyperlink to a brief description of the agency.

This checklist is meant to be used to document all aspects of the search process. This includes the documentation of all keywords used in the search and information about the availability of each web site as well as the use of a drop-down box beside each web site to indicate the success or relevancy of the retrieval.

## Scope

The CADTH grey literature checklist is not exhaustive, but it does strive to be comprehensive regarding Canadian and international HTA agencies. To compensate for the focused characteristics of the checklist, supplemental keyword searches on two search engines are part of the process.

Commercial bibliographic databases, such as MEDLINE, EMBASE, and The Cochrane Library, are also searched for CADTH reports. Because this checklist focuses on grey literature, these

bibliographic databases are not listed here (although we have included a few free databases that contain commercially published literature; for example, PubMed).

This publication is provided only online because it is a tool for evidence-based searching on the Internet. The checklist is updated regularly to reflect changes in web site addresses. Nevertheless, CADTH cannot be held responsible for occasional inaccuracies due to web site changes or due to the changing nature of the Internet.

### **Audience**

This checklist is intended for the use of information specialists or researchers who are producing systematic reviews, HTAs, or economic evaluations.

## Summary

CADTH Information Specialists play an integral part in the production of evidence-based publications and products at CADTH. With the growing importance of grey literature in evidence-based medicine and in an effort to ensure systematic and comprehensiveness in grey literature searching, we decided to develop this search tool. Calibrated over the years, it is now a useful tool for anyone engaged in searching for HTAs or drug assessments.



## **Grey Literature Checklist**

Use the drop-down boxes that appear beside each web site in the checklist to indicate one of the following:

- Ÿ searched; nothing found
- Ÿ not searched; not relevant
- Ÿ searched; results found
- Ÿ results may be of peripheral interest.

Include the search terms that were used in your search: Short Stay; Observation;

Assessment; Clinical Decision; NEAR unit or units or ward or wards; hospital units; hospital management and administration, etc.

## **Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Agencies**

#### Canada

searched; nothing found

Agence d'évaluation des technologies et des modes d'intervention en santé (AETMIS), Québec

http://www.aetmis.gouv.qc.ca/

Use the search box in the upper left corner, and ensure that the radio button entitled "AETMIS" is selected.

[Languages: French, English]

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searched; results found

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH)

http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/search/advanced

To search only full HTA publications, click "publication type" and select

"technology overviews" [Languages: English, French]

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searched; nothing found

Centre for Health Services and Policy Research (CHSPR), University of

British Columbia

http://www.chspr.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/pub

Health policy orientation.

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searched; results found

Health Quality Council, Saskatchewan

http://www.hqc.sk.ca/

Browse HQC reports from the "Quality/Performance" menu in the

"Measuring and Reporting on Quality" tab.

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

searched; results found

<u>Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences</u> (ICES), Ontario

http://www.ices.on.ca/ [Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

searched; results found

IHE Institute of Health Economics (IHE), Alberta

http://www.ihe.ca/publications/library/

Years must be searched separately. Includes reports from Alberta

Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) Health Technology

Assessment Unit. [Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

PLEASE SELECT

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Medical Advisory Secretariat (OHTAS). Ontario Health Technology Assessment Series

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/mas/tech/tech\_mn

html

See also OHTAC recommendations website.

[Language: English] See below

searched; nothing found

Ontario Health Technology Advisory Committee (OHTAC).

Recommendations

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohtac/tech/recom

mend/rec mn.html

Phrases may be searched using quotes (""). To see all publications related to these recommendations from the Medical Advisory Secretariat and OHTAC, please visit the Ontario Health Technology Assessment

Series website.
[Language: English]
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searched; nothing found

McGill University Health Centre (MUHC). Technology Assessment Unit

http://www.mcgill.ca/tau/publications/

Search by date or subject

not searched; not relevant

<u>University of British Columbia</u>. Therapeutics Initiative: Evidenced-Based Drug Therapy

http://www.ti.ubc.ca/DrugAssessments

Click on "Therapeutic letters" in the menu on the left for more information.

[Language: English]

searched; nothing found

<u>Programs for Assessment of Technology in Health</u> (PATH). Research Institute

 $\underline{http://www.path-hta.ca/Publications-Presentations/Publications/Al.aspx}$ 

Search by year or report type on the right hand side of the screen.

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

### International

PLEASE SELECT

<u>Health Technology Assessment International</u> (HTAi). IRG Vortal <a href="http://www.htai.org">http://www.htai.org</a>

The federated search engine developed by HTAi to search multiple HTA and related Web sites works well but can be a duplication of sites already searched.

[Language: English]

Searches sites individually instead

searched; nothing found

<u>International Network of Agencies for Health Technology Assessment</u> (INAHTA)

http://www.inahta.org
[Language: English]

2011 Jan 16 (nothing unique)

searched; nothing found

World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO). Health Evidence Network (HEN)

http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/data-and-evidence/health-evidence-network-hen/publications

In site search box, phrases may be searched using quotes "". May also browse all publications by type (i.e. Evidence reports or Joint policy briefs) by clicking on the appropriate link in the right hand menu.

[Languages: English, French, German, Russian]

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### Australia

not searched: not relevant

<u>Australia and New Zealand Horizon Scanning Network</u> (ANZHSN) <u>http://www.horizonscanning.gov.au/internet/horizon/publishing.nsf/Content/technologies-assessed-lp-2</u>

[Language: English]

searched; nothing found

Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. Medical

Services Advisory Committee (MSAC)

http://www.msac.gov.au/

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

searched; nothing found

Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI)

http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/pubs/technical\_reports.php

Some reports are for subscribers only.

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

not searched; not relevant

National Prescribing Service. NPS RADAR

http://www.nps.org.au/health\_professionals/publications/nps\_radar

Scroll down and choose "view by active ingredient" or "view by topic" for

index of published articles

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

Royal Australian College of Surgeons. Australian Safety and Efficacy Register of New Interventional Procedures – Surgical (ASERNIP-S) <a href="http://www.surgeons.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Research/ASERNIPS/">http://www.surgeons.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Research/ASERNIPS/</a>

ASERNIPSPublications/default.htm

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

National Prescribing Service. NPS RADAR

http://www.nps.org.au/health\_professionals/publications/nps\_radar

Scroll down and choose "view by active ingredient" or "view by topic" for

index of published articles

not searched; not relevant

Royal Australian College of Surgeons. Australian Safety and Efficacy Register of New Interventional Procedures – Surgical (ASERNIP-S) <a href="http://www.surgeons.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Research/ASERNIPS/ASERNIPSPublications/default.htm">http://www.surgeons.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Research/ASERNIPS/ASERNIPSPublications/default.htm</a>

[Language: English]

searched; results found

Southern Health. Centre for Clinical Effectiveness (CCE)

http://www.southernhealth.org.au/page/Health\_Professionals/CCE/Use links to evidence based reviews and guidelines found in the left

sidebar.

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

## Austria

searched; nothing found

Institute of Technology Assessment (ITA) <a href="http://www.oeaw.ac.at/ita/welcome.htm">http://www.oeaw.ac.at/ita/welcome.htm</a>

[Languages: German, English]

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searched; nothing found

<u>Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Health Technology Assessment (LBI)</u>

http://hta.lbg.ac.at/en/index.php
[Languages: German, English]

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## Belgium

searched; nothing found

Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre (KCE)

http://www.kce.fgov.be/index en.aspx?SGREF=5212

[Languages: English, French, Dutch]

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#### Denmark

searched; nothing found

Danish Centre for Health Technology Assessment (DACEHTA)

http://www.sst.dk/English/DACEHTA.aspx

[Languages: Danish, English]

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#### **Finland**

searched; nothing found

Finnish Office for Health Technology Assessment (Finohta)

http://finohta.stakes.fi/EN/index.htm

[Languages: Finnish, English]

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#### France

searched; nothing found

Haute Autorité de santé (HAS) / French National Authority for Health <a href="http://www.has-sante.fr/portail/jcms/c\_946986/english-toutes-nos-publications-ligne-principale?portal=c\_226237">http://www.has-sante.fr/portail/jcms/c\_946986/english-toutes-nos-publications-ligne-principale?portal=c\_226237</a>

[Languages: French, English]

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not searched; not relevant

<u>Committee for Evaluation and Diffusion of Innovative Technologies</u> (CEDIT) / Comité d'Evaluation et de Diffusion des Innovations Technologiques

http://cedit.aphp.fr/english/index present.html

To browse CEDIT reports click the "Publications" tab on the left hand

[Languages: French, English]

## Germany

searched; nothing found

<u>German Institute of Medical Documentation and Information</u> (DIMDI), Federal Ministry of Health

http://www.dimdi.de/dynamic/en/hta/db/index.htm

[Languages: German, English]

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#### Ireland

searched; results found

Health Service Executive (HSE) / Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte

http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 16

### The Netherlands

not searched; not relevant

College voor zorgverzekeringen (CVZ) / Health Care Insurance Board

http://www.cvz.nl/
[Language: Dutch]

Pubs onlyh available in Dutch

searched; nothing found

De Gezondheidsraad / Health Council of the Netherlands

http://www.gezondheidsraad.nl/en

[Languages: Dutch, English]

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### New Zealand

PLEASE SELECT New Zealand Health Technology Assessment (NZHTA)

http://nzhta.chmeds.ac.nz/

Contains reports dated from 1997-June 2007, nothing new is being added

[Language: English]

2011 Jan 15 - results found

## Norway

searched; nothing found

Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services / Nasjonalt

kunnskapssenter for helsetjenesten

http://www.kunnskapssenteret.no/Forsiden

[Languages: Norwegian, English]

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## Spain

searched; nothing found

Agencia de Evaluación de Tecnologías Sanitarias (AETS), Instituto de

Salud Carlos III / Health Technology Assessment Agency

http://www.isciii.es/htdocs/en/investigacion/Agencia quees.jsp

[Language: Spanish] 2011 Jan 16

searched; results found

Basque Office for Health Technology Assessment (OSTEBA),

Departemento de Sanidad

http://www.osasun.ejgv.euskadi.net/r52-2536/es/

[Languages: Basque, Spanish]

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searched; nothing found

Catalan Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Research

(CAHTA) / Agència d'Avaluació de Tecnologia i Recerca Mèdiques de

Catalunya

http://www.gencat.net/salut/depsan/units/aatrm/html/en/dir393/

doc7921.html

[Languages: Catalan, Spanish, English]

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## Sweden

PLEASE SELECT

Centre for Medical Technology Assessment (CMT), Linköping University

http://www.cmt.liu.se/?l=sv [Languages: Swedish, English] searched; results found

Swedish Council on Technology Assessment in Health Care (SBU)

http://www.sbu.se/en/
[Languages: Swedish, English]

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### Switzerland

searched; nothing found

<u>Swiss Network for Health Technology Assessment</u> <u>http://www.snhta.ch/resources/overview.html?type=</u>

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 16

#### UK

searched; nothing found

University of Birmingham. Aggressive Research Intelligence Facility

(ARIF)

http://www.arif.bham.ac.uk

Click "Completed requests" on left menu.

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

searched; nothing found

National Health Service for Wales. ATTRACT.

http://www.attract.wales.nhs.uk

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

not searched; not relevant

Centre for Evidence-based Purchasing (CEP)

http://nhscep.useconnect.co.uk/CEPProducts/Catalogue.aspx

CEP was decommissioned on 31st of March 2010, older reports only.

[Language: English]

searched; nothing found

The European Information Network on New and Changing Health

Technologies (EUROSCAN),

http://www.euroscan.bham.ac.uk/technology.htm

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

PLEASE SELECT

<u>Intute</u>

http://www.intute.ac.uk/search.html

Scroll down to filter by subject area and resource type for systematic

reviews and practice guidelines.

searched; nothing found

The National Horizon Scanning Centre (NHSC)

http://www.pcpoh.bham.ac.uk/publichealth/horizon/outputs/technology.sh

<u>tml</u>

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

searched; nothing found

NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme [formerly NCCHTA]

NETSCC, HTA

http://www.hta.ac.uk/index.shtml

Use general search box for keyword search; phrase searching and boolean are supported. Search by disease state using Advanced search

page.

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

searched: results found

NHS National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE)

http://www.nice.org.uk/

Search NICE or NHS Evidence using upper right hand search box.

[Languages: English, Welsh]

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search (Emergency & Urgent Care Specialist Library)

searched; results found

NHS Quality Improvement Scotland

http://www.nhshealthquality.org/nhsqis/1816.140.144.html

Browse page by subject [Language: English] 2011 Jan 16

searched; nothing found

<u>University of Birmingham.</u> West Midlands Health Technology

Assessment Collaboration (WMHTAC)

http://www.wmhtac.bham.ac.uk/ Click "Publications" on left menu

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

US

searched; nothing found

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

**Technology Assessments** 

http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/techix.htm

Evidence-based Practice Centers' evidence reports and technology

assessments

http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcquick.htm

**EPC Topics in Process** 

http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epc/epcprogress.htm

Effective Health Care Reports

http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/healthInfo.cfm?infotype=all

[Languages: English, Spanish]

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searched; nothing found

California Technology Assessment Forum (CTAF)

http://www.ctaf.org/ [Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

searched; nothing found

Department of Veterans Affairs Research & Development

General publications

http://www.research.va.gov/resources/pubs/default.cfm

VA Technology Assessment Program (VATAP)

http://www4.va.gov/VATAP/index.asp

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

PLEASE SELECT

**ECRI Institute** 

http://www.ecri.org/

Paid subscription required. After searching, filter the results by document

type listed in left hand menu.

[Language: English]

searched; nothing found

Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI)

http://www.icsi.org/guidelines and more/technology assessment reports/

Use site search box [Language: English] 2010 Jan 15

searched; nothing found

BlueCross BlueShield Association. Technology Evaluation Center (TEC)

http://www.bcbs.com/blueresources/tec/tec-assessments.html

Best for devices and indications.

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 15

PLEASE SELECT

University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC)

http://www.uhc.edu/ Subscription required. [Language: English]

## **Health Economics**

## Canada

searched; nothing found

McMaster University. Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis

(CHEPA)

http://www.chepa.org/

Select 'Research Projects' in left hand menu.

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 16

searched; nothing found

The Hospital for Sick Children. PEDE Database

http://pede.ccb.sickkids.ca/pede/index.jsp

The database contains over 1,500 citations from January 1, 1980 to

December 31, 2006. [Language: English] 2011 Jan 16

searched; results found

**Institute of Health Economics (IHE)** 

http://www.ihe.ca

Browse by year of publication or use site search engine. Includes reports from Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR)

Health Technology Assessment Unit.

[Language: English]

As above

not searched; not relevant

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). Economic Burden of Illness in

Canada 1998

http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ebic-femc/ebic-femc98/index-eng.php

[Languages: English, French]

## International

searched; nothing found

Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation (CHERE)

http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/chere/research/research reports.cfm

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 16

searched; nothing found

European Network of Health Economic Evaluation Databases

(EURONHEED)

http://infodoc.inserm.fr/euronheed/Publication.nsf

Scroll down to access the "Search" box.

[Languages: English, French, Catalan]

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searched; nothing found

Brunel University, UK. Health Economics Research Group (HERG)

http://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/acad/herg

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 16

searched; nothing found

University of Aberdeen. Health Economics Research Unit (HERU)

http://www.abdn.ac.uk/heru/

Select Publications in left hand column.

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 16

searched; nothing found

<u>International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research</u>

(ISPOR)

http://www.ispor.org/

Includes several outcomes research tools and databases.

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 16

searched; results found

NHS EED, economic evaluations of health care interventions

Searchable as part of the University of York NHS CRD databases. See the

databases section.
[Language: English]
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PLEASE SELECT

John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Health Economic Evaluations Database (HEED)

http://heed.wiley.com/ohe/CnIsapi.dll?fld=X&alias=OHE&uni=77865&S

etUserType=1&jump=Search&type=4&Browser=MSIE

Paid subscription required.

[Language: English]

searched; nothing found

University of Connecticut, Department of Economics. RePEc database

Some health economics are included.

http://ideas.repec.org/ [Language: English] 2011 Jan 16

## **Clinical Practice Guidelines**

## Canada

not searched; not relevant

Canadian Medical Association. CMA Infobase.

http://www.cma.ca/index.php/ci id/54316/la id/1.htm

[Languages: English, French]

not searched; not relevant

Ontario Guidelines Advisory Committee. (GAC)

http://www.gacguidelines.ca/index.cfm?pagepath=GAC Endorsed Guidel

ines&id=21080 [Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

British Columbia Ministry of Health Services

http://www.bcguidelines.ca/gpac/alphabetical.html

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

Cancer Care Ontario. Program in Evidence-Based Care (PEBC)

http://www.cancercare.on.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1377&pageId=10151

Browse the menu on the left side of the web page.

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

Alberta Medical Association. Toward Optimized Practice (TOP)

http://www.topalbertadoctors.org/cpg.html

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

Canadian Standards Association (CSA). Health and Safety:

http://www.csa-

intl.org/onlinestore/GetCatalogDrillDown.asp?Parent=3670

[Language: English]

### International

not searched; not relevant

Aetna, Inc. Clinical Policy Bulletins

http://www.aetna.com/healthcare-professionals/policies-guidelines/medical clinical policy bulletins.html (medical)

http://www.aetna.com/healthcare-professionals/policies-guidelines/pcpb\_menu.html (pharmaceutical)

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

<u>Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement</u> (ICSI)

http://www.icsi.org/guidelines and more/index.aspx?catID=12

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

National Guideline Clearinghouse, US

http://www.guideline.gov

Use advanced search feature.

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

National Library for Health, UK. National Library of Guidelines Specialist

Library

http://www.library.nhs.uk/guidelinesfinder/Default.aspx

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

New Zealand Guidelines Group (NZGG)

http://www.nzgg.org.nz/index.cfm

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

NHS National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE). NICE guidelines

http://www.nice.org.uk/page.aspx?o=guidelines.completed

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

NHS Clinical Knowledge Summaries. PRODIGY guidance

http://www.cks.library.nhs.uk/clinical knowledge

Registration required (free). Browse clinical topics (link to whole prodigy

guideline or topic review).

not searched; not relevant

<u>Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network</u> (SIGN) http://www.sign.ac.uk/guidelines/published/index.html

Click "Guidelines" tab in left menu

[Language: English]

searched; results found

**TRIP** Database

http://www.tripdatabase.com/index.html

Note filters on right-hand side to refine initial search to guidelines. TRIP also included in Database section.

[Language: English]

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## **Drug and Device Regulatory Approvals**

#### Canada

PLEASE SELECT

Conseil du médicament Québec

http://www.cdm.gouv.qc.ca/site/index.php?accueil

Type the drug name in the search box located on the right menu. For a listing of drugs covered by Quebec's public insurance plan, click on "Liste des medicaments" link in the left menu. For English publications, click on the "English Section" link in the left menu.

[Languages: French, English]

PLEASE SELECT

Health Canada. Drug Product Database

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/prodpharma/databasdon/index-eng.php

Database of drugs approved for sale in Canada.

[Languages: English, French]

<u>Health Canada</u>. Notice of Compliance Database

http://webprod3.hc-sc.gc.ca/noc-ac/index-eng.jsp

*Listing of new drug approvals.* [Languages: English, French]

PLEASE SELECT

<u>Health Canada.</u> Medical Devices Active License Listing (MDALL)

http://www.mdall.ca

Select "Active License Search" for class 2 or higher medical devices approved for sale in Canada.

[Languages: English, French]

Health Canada. Drugs and Health Products: Patent Register <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/prodpharma/patregbrev/index-eng.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/prodpharma/patregbrev/index-eng.php</a> Listing of medicinal ingredients, their associated patents and the Canadian patent expiry dates.

[Languages: English, French]

### International

#### PLEASE SELECT

Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. Advisory Committee on Prescription Medicines (ACPM) <a href="http://www.tga.health.gov.au/docs/html/adec/adecrecs.htm">http://www.tga.health.gov.au/docs/html/adec/adecrecs.htm</a> Archived recommendations (pre-2010) are at the ADEC site below. [Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. Australian Drug Evaluation Committee Recommendations (ADEC) <a href="http://www.tga.health.gov.au/docs/html/adec/adecrecs.htm">http://www.tga.health.gov.au/docs/html/adec/adecrecs.htm</a>
Use advanced search feature. This agency has been replaced by the ACPM (above), but archived reports are still located here.

[Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, Public Summary Documents
<a href="http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/public-summary-documents">http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/public-summary-documents</a>

Browse by product (alphabetical). If the drug is not there, browse the most recent meeting and update.

[Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

<u>Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.</u> Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) – Browse by Medicine Listing <a href="https://www.pbs.gov.au/html/healthpro/home">www.pbs.gov.au/html/healthpro/home</a> Browse alphabetical list for Australian drug pricing.

#### PLEASE SELECT

<u>European Medicines Agency</u>. European Public Assessment Reports (EMA EPARs)

http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/medicines/landing/epar\_search.jsp&murl=menus/medicines/medicines.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058001d124

Pending EC Decisions (EMA)

http://www.emea.europa.eu/htms/human/opinion/opinion.htm

[Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

<u>U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)</u>. Advisory Committee reports <a href="http://www.fda.gov/default.htm">http://www.fda.gov/default.htm</a>

In the FDA search feature, type the drug name and "advisory committee."

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/

Search drug name, click on approval history, then link to review for medical statistical information, etc.

U.S. Food and Drug Adminstration (FDA). FDA 501(k) Premarket

Notification Database Search

http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfPMN/pmn.cfm

U.S. device approval notification site

[Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

Pharmaceutical Management Agency of New Zealand (PHARMAC)

http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/interactive/index.asp

Also explore using the search box.

[Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

NHS Scotland. Scottish Medicines Consortium

http://www.scottishmedicines.org.uk/

[Language: English]

## **Advisories and Warnings**

### Canada

PLEASE SELECT

<u>Health Canada</u>. MedEffect: Advisories, Warnings and Recalls <u>http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/index-eng.php</u>

Click "Advisories, Warnings and Recalls for Health Professionals." Search by year, then use your search engine's Find feature to search the page.

<u>Health Canada</u>. MedEffect: Canadian Adverse Reaction Newsletter. <u>http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/bulletin/index-eng.php</u>

Use index.

[Languages: English, French]

#### PLEASE SELECT

Drug Advisories, CMAJ web site.

http://www.cmaj.ca/misc/advisories.shtml

[Language: English]

## International

#### PLEASE SELECT

Government of Australia Department of Health and Ageing. Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Australian Adverse Drug Reactions Bulletin

http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/aadrb.htm

*Use the article index.* [Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

European Medicines Agency (EMA)

Patient safety

http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/medicines/general/general\_content\_000420.jsp&murl=menus/medicines/medicines.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058001d126

Withdrawals and Suspensions.

http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/medicines/landing/wapp\_search.jsp&murl=menus/medicines/medicines.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058001d128&jsenabled=true

All sites: Browse topics in left hand column

[Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

<u>Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency</u> (MHRA). Current Problems in Pharmacovigilance

http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/CurrentProblemsinPharmacovigilance/index.htm

Current Problems in Pharmacovigilance superceded by Drug Safety Bulletin in 2007. Use section search (bottom left).

New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority Medsafe: medical devices

http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/profs/device-issues.asp

This page provides information on current safety issues related to medical devices in New Zealand. Click on the "Archived Medical Devices Issues" link for older safety issues concerning medical devices.

New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority Medsafe: Prescriber update articles.

http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/profs/PUarticles.asp

Use 'find' function in your browser to locate safety issues on a particular medicine.

[Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

<u>U.S. Food and Drug Administration</u>. MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program <a href="http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm">http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm</a>

[Language: English]

## **Drug Class Reviews**

#### PLEASE SELECT

Oregon Health & Science University. Drug Effectiveness Review Project (DERP)

http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/evidence-based-policy-

center/derp/index.cfm
[Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Pharmacy Benefits Management Strategic Healthcare Group. Drug Class Reviews http://www.pbm.va.gov/DrugClassReviews.aspx

[Language: English]

## **Clinical Trials (Ongoing)**

not searched; not relevant

<u>ClinicalStudiesResults.org</u>. PhRMA Clinical Study Results Database http://www.clinicalstudyresults.org

not searched; not relevant

**BioMed Central.** Current Controlled Trials

http://www.controlled-trials.com/

Search across multiple registers, but be sure to de-select NIH-clinical

trials.gov.

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations

(IFPMA). Clinical trials portal

http://clinicaltrials.ifpma.org/clinicaltrials/no cache/en/myportal/index.htm

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR). Ontario Cancer Trials

http://www.ontariocancertrials.ca/

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

Thomson Centerwatch. CenterWatch Clinical Trials Listing Service

http://www.centerwatch.com

Search by therapeutic area or medical condition

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

UK Clinical Research Network Study Portfolio.

http://public.ukcrn.org.uk/Search/Portfolio.aspx

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

U.S. National Institutes of Health. ClinicalTrials.gov

http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct/gui

Click on upper left link. This web site includes trials that are no longer

recruiting patients.

[Language: English]

not searched; not relevant

World Health Organization (WHO). International Clinical Trials Registry

Platform Search Portal

http://apps.who.int/trialsearch/

## **Canadian Drug Formularies**

### General

PLEASE SELECT

DrugCoverage.ca

http://www.drugcoverage.ca/default.asp

Portal to Canadian drug plans, this site can be used to access different provincial / territorial and federal drug benefit programs or else skip this site and go directly to the individual Canadian plans listed in this category. It also gives a good overview of Canadian drug plans available as well as instructions for who is eligible for which plan.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. Non-Insured Health

Benefits, Drug Benefit List

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/nihb-ssna/provide-fournir/pharma-

prod/med-list/index-eng.php

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Veterans Affairs Canada. VAC Drug Formulary

http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/clients/sub.cfm?source=services/

poc/poc10/search
[Language: English]

**Provincial** 

PLEASE SELECT

Alberta Health and Wellness. Interactive Drug Benefit List [iDBL]

http://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.html

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Health Insurance BC. BC PharmaCare

http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/#

General information on BC PharmaCare coverage

British Columbia, Limited Coverage Drug Program

http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/sa/criteria/restricted/restrictedtable.html#

[Language: English]

**BC** Pharmacare. PharmaNet Drug Master List

http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/outgoing/pnp.pdf#redirect\_notice display 301

List of drugs re-imbursed by BC PharmaNet including maximum price [Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Manitoba Health. Manitoba Drug Benefits and Interchangeability

Formulary

http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mdbif/index.html

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

New Brunswick Department of Health. New Brunswick Prescription Drug

**Program Formulary** 

http://www.gnb.ca/0051/0212/index-e.asp

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Newfoundland and Labrador Health and Community Services (NF).

Newfoundland Interchangeable Drug Products Formulary <a href="http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/nlpdp/fmlsearch.asp">http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/nlpdp/fmlsearch.asp</a>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Nova Scotia Pharmacare. Pharmacare Formulary

http://www.gov.ns.ca/health/pharmacare/formulary.asp

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Ontario Drug Benefit

Formulary / Comparative Drug Index

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/drugs/odbf mn.ht

ml

Prince Edward Island Ministry of Health. PEI Drug Programs Formulary

http://www.gov.pe.ca/hss/formulary/index.php3

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec. Manuel de facturation

http://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/citoyens/assurancemedicaments/regimespr

ives/medicamentscouverts.shtml

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Saskatchewan Health. Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch

http://formulary.drugplan.health.gov.sk.ca/

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

<u>Yukon Health & Social Services</u>. Pharmacare http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/pharmacare.php

[Language: English]

## **Databases** (free)

These databases are not limited to the retrieval of grey literature. Many, such as PubMed, retrieve traditional commercially published literature.

searched; nothing found

**Bandolier** (Oxford, UK)

http://www.medicine.ox.ac.uk/bandolier/

[Language: English] 2011 Jan 16

PLEASE SELECT

National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). Bookshelf

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=Books

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy. CAMline

http://www.camline.ca/naturalhealthprod/naturalhealthprod.php

See also 'CAM therapies/practitioners' section on left tab

Research Council for Complementary Medicine. Centralised Information

Service for Complementary Medicine (CISCOM)

This database is currently non-functioning.

http://www.rccm.org.uk/ciscom/CISCOM intro.aspx

[Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

New Zealand Complementary and Alternative Therapies Evidence-based

**Summaries**. Complementary and Alternative Medicine

www.cam.org.nz/ [Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

Latin-American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information

(LILACS)

http://bases.bireme.br/cgi-

bin/wxislind.exe/iah/online/?IsisScript=iah/iah.xis&base=LILACS&lang=

Ι

LILACS is searched via the "Virtual Health Library" (VHL) portal.

[Languages: English, Portuguese, Spanish]

#### searched: results found

<u>UK National Health Service</u>. National electronic Library for Medicines

NeLM).

http://www.nelm.nhs.uk/en/NeLM-Area/Evidence/

[Language: English]

2011 Jan 16 - Searched through NICE

#### PLEASE SELECT

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR).

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)

http://www.naric.com/research/default.cfm

[Language: English]

### searched; nothing found

National Library of Medicine (NLM). NLM Gateway.

http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov/gw/Cmd

The Gateway connects users with multiple NLM retrieval systems and also provides a search interface for meeting abstracts. The Meeting Abstracts collection is found only in the Gateway.

[Language: English]

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<u>University of Queensland</u>. OTseeker – Occupational Therapy Systematic Evaluation of Evidence.

http://www.otseeker.com

OTseeker is a database that contains abstracts of systematic reviews and randomized controlled trials relevant to occupational therapy. Trials have been critically appraised and rated to assist you to evaluate their validity and interpretability. These ratings will help you to judge the quality and usefulness of trials for informing clinical interventions. [Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

University of Sydney (Australia). Centre for Evidence-Based

Physiotherapy (CEBP). The Physiotherapy Evidence Database (PEDro).

http://www.pedro.org.au/

[Languages: English and various languages]

PLEASE SELECT

U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM). PubMed.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez

[Language: English] *Used for testing* 

searched: results found

Turning Research Into Practice (TRIP) database.

http://www.tripdatabase.com/

*Note filters on right-hand side to refine initial search.* 

[Language: English]

2011 Jan 16 – "short stay unit"; "clinical decision unit"; "observation

unit"; "assessment unit"

searched; results found

<u>University of York</u>. Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD),

http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/

CRD databases include Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE), Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Database, NHS EED-

Economic evaluations of health care interventions.

[Language: English]

2011 Jan 16 - "short stay unit"; "clinical decision unit"; "observation

unit"; "assessment unit"

PLEASE SELECT National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE). Evidence in Health and

Social Care.

http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/

[Language: English]

2011 Jan 16 – results found (searched as per above with NICE)

## **Statistics**

## Canada

PLEASE SELECT

Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)

http://www.cihi.ca/

See "Quick Stats" menu. This site is also useful for health policy

questions.

[Languages: English, French]

PLEASE SELECT

Health Canada

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english/

Click "A-Z Index" link in left menu to browse by topic

[Languages: English, French]

PLEASE SELECT

IMS Health Incorporated

http://www.imshealthcanada.com/

Use the "Unlocking the power of health information" tab, and select the publication link in the left hand column. IMS will provide customized

statistics for a fee.
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP)

http://umanitoba.ca/medicine/units/mchp/
This is useful for population statistics

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

New Brunswick Ministry of Health Epidemiological Service. Health

Publications and Services in New Brunswick

http://www.gnb.ca/0051/pub/index-e.asp#epidemiology

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Public Health Agency of Canada. Chronic Disease Infobase (PHAC).

http://204.187.39.30/surveillance/

Reports & Publications (PHAC)

http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publications-eng.php

Alphabetical listing of PHAC publications

## Surveillance (PHAC)

http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/surveillance-eng.php

[Language: English]

#### PLEASE SELECT

**Statistics Canada** 

http://www.statcan.gc.ca/start-debut-eng.html

Scroll down page to browse by "Health" subjects or click the

"Specialized search tools" link to go to CANSIM database or census data

[Languages: English, French]

#### PLEASE SELECT

<u>IHE Institute of Health Economics</u>. Database of Online Health Statistics http://www.ihe.ca/publications/health-db/

This database covers freely available web-based health statistics. Current focus is on Canadian and American statistics, but there is some

international coverage.

[Language: English]

## US

#### PLEASE SELECT

<u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> (CDC). Data & Statistics <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/DataStatistics/">http://www.cdc.gov/DataStatistics/</a>

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/

[Languages: English and various others]

#### PLEASE SELECT

National Cancer Institute. Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results:

Cancer Statistics (SEER)

http://seer.cancer.gov/statistics/

[Languages: English, French]

## International

#### PLEASE SELECT

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

OECD Health Data 2010: Statistics and Indicators

http://www.oecd.org/document/30/0.3343.en 2649 34631 12968734 1 1

1 1,00.html

[Languages: English, French, Dutch, Italian, Japanese, Russian]

<u>World Health Organization</u> (WHO). Global Health Observatory <a href="http://www.who.int/gho/en/">http://www.who.int/gho/en/</a>

Find health data on 193 WHO members by searching the online database or by browsing the navigational links. Supersedes WHO Statistical Information System (WHOSIS).

[Languages: English, French, Spanish, Russian, and various others]

## **Miscellaneous**

#### Internet Search

Because of low overlap (30%) between search engines, more than one search engine is recommended for a focused Internet search.

searched; results found

Google

http://www.google.com

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overlap with database searches

PLEASE SELECT

Google Scholar

http://scholar.google.com/advanced\_scholar\_search?hl=en&as\_sdt=2000 2011 Jan 16 - "short stay unit" +emergency (first 100 items); "assessment unit" +emergency (first 100 items); "observation unit" +emergency (first 100 items); "clinical decision unit" +emergency (all items – 154); "observation unit" emergency solution (1st 100 items)

PLEASE SELECT

MSN

http://www.msn.com/

searched; results found

Professional Associations/Manufacturers Sites (if applicable)

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CAEP - scanned guidelines, research, annual conference

ACEP - scanned guidelines, research, annual conference materials

restricted to members; Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) -

http://www.saem.org/saemdnn/ - Scanned meeting abstracts -

http://www.saem.org/saemdnn/Meetings/AnnualMeeting2010/tabid/1338/Default.aspx

http://www.saem.org/saemdnn/Meetings/PastAnnualMeetings/2009AnnualMeeting/tabid/1132/Default.aspx

http://www.saem.org/saemdnn/Meetings/PastAnnualMeetings/2008AnnualMeeting/tabid/639/Default.aspx

http://www.saem.org/saemdnn/Meetings/PastAnnualMeetings/2007AnnualMeeting/tabid/246/Default.aspx

Society of Hospital Medicine - http://www.hospitalmedicine.org/

http://www.hospitalmedicine.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Education/Abstracts/Abstracts.htm - scanned all available abstracts

## **Open Access Journals**

PLEASE SELECT

**BioMed Central** (BMC)

http://www.biomedcentral.com

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

<u>Lund University Libraries.</u> Directory of Open Access Journals

http://www.doaj.org/
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

National Library of Medicine & National Institutes of Health. PubMed

Central

http://www.pubmedcentral.com

[Language: English]

### **Ethics**

PLEASE SELECT

German Reference Centre for Ethics in the Life Sciences

Bioethics Literature Database (BELIT)

http://www.drze.de/belit-1/search-2?set\_language=en

[Languages: German; English]